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Re: Attorney Docket No. Breiter P1003 US  
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Inventor: Stefan Trümpler  
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**Reply to Notice To File Missing Requirements under 35 U.S.C. 371  
in the United States Designated/Elected Office DO/EO/US**

Sir:

In response to the Notice to File Missing Requirements mailed April 2, 2007, I hereby authorize the Director to charge \$65.00, the surcharge for late filing of the Declaration, to Deposit Account No. 502735.

I hereby certify that the following documents are being transmitted by facsimile today to the Commissioner for Patents at (571) 273-3201:

- 1) Notice To File Missing Requirements (2) pages;
- 2) Declaration (2 pages);
- 3) Power of Attorney and Correspondence Address Indication Form (1 page) and
- 4) copy of transmittal letter.

Respectfully submitted,  
  
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### NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 IN THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)

The following items have been submitted by the applicant or the IB to the United States Patent and Trademark Office as a Designated / Elected Office (37 CFR 1.495).

- Indication of Small Entity Status
- Copy of the International Application filed on 08/18/2006
- English Translation of the IA filed on 08/18/2006
- Copy of the International Search Report filed on 08/18/2006
- Oath or Declaration filed on 08/18/2006
- U.S. Basic National Fees filed on 08/18/2006
- Priority Documents filed on 08/18/2006

The applicant needs to satisfy supplemental fees problems indicated below.

The following items **MUST** be furnished within the period set forth below in order to complete the requirements for acceptance under 35 U.S.C. 371:

- Oath or declaration of the inventors, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b), identifying the application by the International application number and international filing date. The current oath or declaration does not comply with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b) in that it:
  - does not identify the application to which it is directed.
- To avoid abandonment, a surcharge (for late submission of filing fee, search fee, examination fee or oath or declaration) as set forth in 37 CFR 1.492(h) of \$65 for a small entity in compliance with 37 CFR 1.27, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.

#### SUMMARY OF FEES DUE:

Total additional fees required for this application is \$65 for a Small Entity:

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- \$65 Surcharge.

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